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#### January 2021

## **2021: Celebrating 30 years**

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"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

Len Ministries was started in 1996 to "never stop taking the Gospel into the world to seek and to save those which were lost." Since then, there has been almost 43,000 people witnessed to with 20,800 professions in Jesus Christ and almost 2,800 assurances of faith. But most importantly, more than 2,300 people have been certified to equip others to evangelize.

of about 250 new believers. It was an exciting day for all that were there. So many firsts! So many stories!

Len has continued to stay in communication with Pastor Sasha over the years. The church has grown and has moved into their own permanent building about five years ago. Sasha is married to Olga, they have three grown children (Daniel,

This work has been accomplished in the teaching of 89 5day intensive evangelism schools (IES) in 56 cities in 19 nations. In the Jacksonville area the training has been done in 2 state prisons and 25 different local churches.

In the summer of 1991, Rev. Len

Showalter and Rev. David Sheffield accompanied by a team from Beaches Chapel, Neptune Beach, FL, with the assistance from Calvary International (now known as Go to Nations) held five days of evangelism meetings across the city of Nizhny Novgorod (NN), Russia. At each meeting, all were invited to attend a Sunday service at a central location.

On that first Sunday meeting Len and David laid hands on Pastor Alexander (Sasha) Semikov and installed him as pastor of the newly founded church



Pastor Sasha, Olga, & NN leadership team in 2016

equipping other pastors.

Plans are in place to return to NN for the celebration of their 30 years of ministry. At the same time Len will be celebrating his 30 years of international travel and teaching that started in 1991!

If you would like to join the returning team this summer and celebrate with Pastor Sasha, his family, and his church family, please contact Len Ministries as soon as possible in order to begin the necessary preparation of legal documents. LMI

Loubov, & Timothy), have their own home, and is doing well in ministry. He is a leader in his town of four million people.

In addition to returning to preach, Len has taught ten 5-day intensive evangelism training courses in NN over the past 30 years. In NN is where Bishop Guy Landry was trained and now travels with Len across Russia

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# 2020 LMI Gala

[JACKSONVILLE, FL] The 2020 LMI Annual Gala was held at the Salem Center Saturday, November 14, 2020. Consideration was given to the local recommended COVID-19 restrictions. The Gala was scheduled with options for those that just wanted to: 1) attend virtually, or 2) those that wanted to pickup a meal, return home and watch virtually, and 3) those that desired to attend the Gala in-person. The Gala was posted online at YouTube, but if you missed the event you may go to YouTube and search for Len Ministries.

The Gala started at 6PM with Pastor Len praying for the wonderful meal that was provided by GrillBilly's BBQ of Middleburg. At 6:45 Mike Bondanza brought the

event up "live." The LMI ministry video was shown and a welcome to the guests was extended by Pastor Len. Pastor Jim Hull, North Jax Church of God, opened in prayer.

The LMI mission trip in February to DR Congo was detailed with a PowerPoint presentation narrated by Len. Jennifer Palmer added personal detail as she was on the team that ministered in Bunia, DR Congo.

Afterwards the focus changed to be on local Jacksonville area ministry. Cathy Russi sang a special song and told of her weekly witnessing opportunities. Rev. Al Kaidor, president of ARC Evangelistic Association, then spoke of his ministry training and connection to Len Ministries for the past 20+ years.

Acknowledgments were given for those in attendance, the wonderful volunteers, the Gala sponsors, and the LMI board members. A door prize of a suitcase and a \$250

the Gala sponsors, and the LMI board members. A door prize of a suffcase and a \$250 discount for LMI travel for 2021 was given away to Suzanne Biery. Also given away were four signed copies of the book entitled "A Surgeon's Sin" by Dean Lohse. Next Len took the podium and spoke on the theme "Be Bold. Be Brave. Be Courageous." He exhorted that we were born for a time such as this. He stated that this could be our greatest hour to reach the lost and that we need to be motivated by faith not fear. He quoted Matthew 10:7 "Go, preach the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Len said that it is now time to do what the Lord told us to do. He encouraged pastors and leaders to get the training (as detailed on Pg a) and to change our give our pation. Then Bill Cook gave on opportunity.

(as detailed on Pg 3) and to change our city, our nation, and other nations. Then Bill Cook gave an opportunity for those listening over the internet and those in attendance to financially support LMI. The evening closed with a prayer by Rev. Ken Vensel, CRU director. LMI

**Check out the YouTube link for the Gala:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lhQjz-5axo&feature=youtu.be

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## **Jacksonville Practicum**

**[JACKSONVILLE, FL]** The Coronavirus has effected Len Ministries by causing the person-to-person contacting to be modified. Regardless of the new limitations we have continued to go to the streets around Jacksonville and share Jesus.

For the latter half of 2020 and continued into 2021 a team has been witnessing at the Avenues Mall, a shopping area on Baymeadows, and in several local housing areas. The results have been great! Because of the increased concern that many have over the Covid-19, many are asking questions and interested in having peace in their lives. We continue to see 60% of those that we talk to give their hearts to Christ. Many are so thankful for our speaking to them and say so. (See "Just the Facts" pg 4.)



Cathy shares with Janeica

Those that are sharing the Good News in these pictures were trained by Len Ministries. They desire to continue to share with others each week.

How would your life change or your churches life change if you had your people going out and winning others to Christ each week?

If you want to be a participant in Christ's Great Commission, please contact the ministry office to be involved in weekly training in a local church. LMI



Wanda listens to Carla



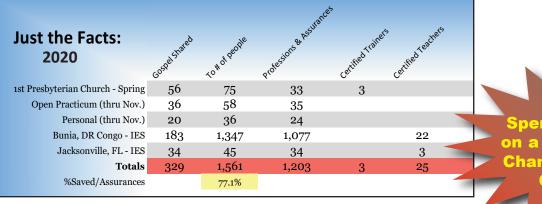
### **Need some spiritual fire?**

Change your life and change your church by attending this 5-day intensive evangelism class.

Now is the time to impact your city!

Contact Pastor Len at (904) 992-0545 to reserve your seat.





Spend the week on a mission trip. Change a nation. Call LMI.





Please note: event dates and locations are subject to change

(check lenministries.org/wanna-go)

February 22 - 26, 2021: International Evangelism School Jacksonville, FL

May, June, & August 2021: International Evangelism School Russia

September 2021: International Evangelism School Punta Gorda, Belize

September 2021: International Evangelism School El Salvador

October 2021: International Evangelism School Libreville, Gabon

October 2021: International Evangelism School Kigali, Rwanda

#### Contact LMI to join a team!

<u>~note possible travel</u> restrictions due to COVID-19~ A Note From Marcia...

Many are happy to say goodbye to 2020. This was an unusual year for people all over the world. We have experienced challenges we never thought possible. Between Covid-19 and all the various changes we have had to make because of it, life has been.... unusual.

Through the ministry we have grown in areas we never thought possible – Zoom meetings; online evangelism training and discipleship; and way too many phone calls and e-mails because we could not meet in person.

People need hope – need a Savior. We need Jesus. It is up to us to tell others about Christ! (Romans 10:13-15) Many of us have experienced loss of a loved one, loneliness, financial hardship, relationship struggles, or emotional and physical problems. The holidays and new year can be especially difficult and stressful for us. It is only through putting our hope, trust, and faith in Jesus Christ that we can overcome these obstacles. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 ASV

May you be filled with an abundance of love and hope in this new year. May you be blessed in every way. Thank you from our family to yours for your faithfulness in reaching the lost for Christ. We continue to raise up Soul-Winners for Jesus Christ because of you.

Happy New Year!

Your Missionaries, Len and Marcia Showalter (and Medi)



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